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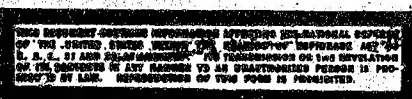
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COAL INDUSTRY ACHIEVES FIRST-QUARTER GOALS

COMBINE REPORTS PRODUCTION -- Krasnyy Flot, No 46, 25 Feb 49

In a letter addressed to Stalin, miners of the "Rutchenkovogol" Trust of the "Stalingol" Combine reported their 1948 achievements and their 1949 plans.

The "Rutchenkovogol" Trust had an output of 123,000 tons of coal above plan in 1948, thereby exceeding 1947 output by 32 percent. The trust lowered mining costs and saved 3.5 million rubles above plan.

During 1948, the miners of the trust received new housing covering an area of 22,300 square meters. Workers' settlements are being equipped with more public service facilities.

With improved labor efficiency, workers' wages also have increased. During 1948, wages per miner increased 210 rubles per month over 1947.

The trust pledged to fulfill the 1949 plan ahead of schedule and produce 25,000 tons of coal above plan. The miners promised to reach the 1950 production level in the last quarter of 1949.

By introducing new techniques and advanced methods, labor efficiency will be raised 3 percent above plan, which means a 20 percent increase over 1948.

Production costs will be lowered. The trust plans to save 700,000 rubles, to speed up turnover of working capital by 2 days and to release 1,300,000 rubles for the needs of the national economy; to reduce the ash content of coal by 0.4 percent over the standard; and to fulfill the year plan for housing construction by Miners' Day.

Additional pledges made by the trust in honor of the Tenth Congress of Trade Unions meeting on 19 April 1949, were as follows: to achieve an output of 11,000 tons of coal above plan by 19 April; to save 175,000 rubles of State

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funds; to raise labor efficiency 6 percent over 1948; to introduce on a large scale such new machinery and mechanical devices as mining combines, coal planes (strugi), and others; and to put a number of "Donbass" combines into operation during the first quarter of 1949.

KADALA MINE FULFILLS PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 47, 9 Mar 49

The Kadala Mine (chief, G. Krotov), Chernovskiy Rayon, Chita Oblast, fulfilled the 2-month plan 121 percent for coal mining and increased the average daily coal output by more than 200 tons above the plan. Section No 1 (chief, Yatakevich) led the other sections in the mine by fulfilling the 2-month plan 129 percent. The mine has pledged to complete the 4-month mining plan by 10 April, the 5-month mining plan by 1 May, and to complete the 5-month plan for mine preparatory work by 19 April. The mine plans to release 30,000 rubles of working capital by 19 April.

MINERS COMPLETE FIRST-QUARTER PLANS -- Pravda, No 86, 27 Mar 49

The "Krasnoarmeyakugol'" Trust of the "Artemugol'" Coal Combine completed the first-quarter plan for coal mining on 26 March 1949. Daily production was 25 percent above the prewar level.

The "Tulaugol'" Coal Combine fulfilled the first-quarter plan for mining and hauling of coal on 26 March 1949. The plan for development work was completed on 22 March.

Miners of the "Kopeyakugol'" Trust, Chelyabinsk Oblast, fulfilled the first-quarter plan for coal mining and hauling on 25 March 1949. The plans for development work and housing construction were also fulfilled. All mines of the trust successfully completed the plan. Miners of the "Chelyabinskugol'" Trust fulfilled the first-quarter plan on 25 March 1949.

Miners of the "Krasnoyarskugol'" Coal Combine fulfilled the first-quarter plan for coal mining on 25 March 1949. The plan for development work was completed 108 percent.

The "Khabarovskugol'" Coal Combine fulfilled the first-quarter plan for coal mining on 26 March 1949.

Pravda, No 88, 29 Mar 49

The "Moskovugol'" Combine of the Moscow Coal Basin fulfilled the first-quarter plan for mining and hauling coal and for development work on 26 March 1949. Average daily production by the combine was 12.3 percent over the corresponding period of 1948. The output of "Stalinogorskugol'", "Shcherbakovugol'", "Krasnoarmeyakugol'", and "Ortyabr'ugol'" trusts of the Combine was especially impressive.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 51, 15 Mar 49

G. Yelashkin, chief of the Tigaya Mine, at Novo Pavlovka, Chita Oblast, reports that the mine completed the first-quarter coal-mining plan on 11 March. The second section, headed by Perkin, was particularly outstanding. The Kuli Mine has made up its previous lag.

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